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SOUTHERN BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSION BOARD

FMB Sends Missionaries To Egypt, 69th Nation

RICHMOND, Va. — The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, in its November meeting, transferred Rev. and Mrs. William O. Hern from Jordan to Egypt, thus bringing to 69 the number of countries to which Southern Baptist missionaries are under assignment.

The Board reappointed Rev. and Mrs. Vance O. Vernon for missionary service in Brazil, their specific assignment to be determined later. The Vernons resigned two years ago after 20 years in Equatorial Brazil. While in the States Mr. Vernon has been working in the church architecture department of the Sunday School Board.

The report of Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board,

dealt primarily with the restructuring of the administrative organization.

The administration has been placed under three divisions—overseas, mission support, and management services. Dr. Winston Crawley, formerly secretary for the Orient, was named in April to direct the overseas division, which is divided into six geographical areas, each having its own area secretary.

In October, Dr. Jesse C. Fletcher, who had been personnel secretary for the Board since 1963 and on the staff since 1960, was made director of the mission support division. A director of the management services division is expected to be named soon.

Dr. Cauthen said the increased giving of Southern

Baptists through the Cooperative Program is an encouragement to the Foreign Mission Board. "We are now moving into the period of the year where the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering will have high place in the thoughts, prayers, and response of Baptist people," he added.

"We thank God for this offering and recognize that without it approximately half of all we do would be impossible. We are grateful to Woman's Missionary Union, the Brotherhood Commission, pastors, and all others who share in the labor of love represented in the week of prayer and the offering. Our gratitude is beyond expression."

Dr. Cauthen reviewed early plans for the full meeting (Continued on page 5)



Record Attendance For Annual Youth Night Service

A record crowd of Baptist young people, estimated at more than 11,000, overflowed the Mississippi Coliseum on Thursday evening for the closing Youth Night session of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

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High Hours Mark Session

CHURCHES ASKED TO OBSERVE DAY OF PRAYER NOV. 24

The Mississippi Baptist Convention, in its recent session, set Sunday, November 24, as a day of prayer in Mississippi Baptist churches, for God's leadership in the finding of a new Executive Secretary, to succeed the late Dr. Chester L. Quarles.

Churches were asked to observe a season of prayer on that day, for God's direction of the Convention Board as it seeks a new leader.

Criswell Delivers Dedicatory Address

Dr. W. A. Criswell, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas, and President of the Southern Baptist Convention, delivered the dedicatory address, at the dedication of the new Baptist building, during the convention sessions last week. The dedication was held Thursday afternoon, with the message delivered in the sanctuary of First Baptist Church, and the actual dedication held in front of the new building.

Dr. Criswell's message in full is as follows:

No greater honor has ever come to my life than to say this word for the beautiful, significantly beautiful, Baptist Building that you have erected in Mississippi. I am not forgetful that in just a little while you have a tremendous convocation in the Coliseum in your capitol city. Was it a year ago or two years ago

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The 133rd session of the Mississippi Baptist Convention was highlighted by the dedication of the new Baptist Building, the adoption of a record high mission budget and the election of a new president.

High spiritual hours prevailed throughout, from the opening Tuesday morning session through the closing

year, succeeding Claude Townsend, a layman.

Dr. McCall, active in denominational affairs, is vice-chairman of the Executive Committee of the State Board and also a member of the SBC Executive Committee.

Officers Elected

Other officers elected were Rev. Clark McMurray, pastor of First Baptist Church, Pascagoula, first vice-president; Rev. Bynum Basden, pastor of Coffeeville Baptist Church, second vice-president; Paul Adams, Starkville, recording secretary (reelected); and Horace Kerr, Jackson, assistant recording secretary (reelected).

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Nixon Urged To Uphold Principle Of 'Separation'

WASHINGTON, D. C. (CNS) — President Elect Richard M. Nixon has been called upon by a leading authority in church-state relations to support the principle of public funds for public schools only.

Glenn L. Archer of Washington, D. C., executive director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State, said that Mr. Nixon now has a great opportunity to prove himself a strong statesman as well as a courageous politician with regard to the constitutional guarantee of separation of church and state.

Noting that the Republican Party Platform pledged "federal funds in support of state-prepared, state-administered aid plans for private school pupils" and that Mr. Nixon, in a campaign address, had promised a National Task Force for Religious-Affiliated Schools if elected to the Presidency, Mr. Archer warned:

"Tax aid to parochial schools, even under the guise of what is termed aid to individual children, would actually harm education by subsidizing inefficiency, encouraging divisiveness, and stimulating the growth of undemocratic private school systems."

He added that there presently are 19 lawsuits in the courts of this country challenging public aid to parochial schools and said that national leaders do a disservice to American education when they support sectarian school aid programs which are of doubtful constitutionality.

Dr. Dick H. Hall, Jr.

Whatever the costs, we cannot compromise our basic principles. We may be hurt but we must be free.

Founding the Colony of

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New Baptist Building Dedicated

An impressive dedication service for the new State Baptist Building was held on Thursday afternoon on the front steps of the building.

SEMINARY ENROLLMENT INCREASES

NASHVILLE (BP) — Total enrollment of regular, full-time students at the six theological seminaries of the Southern Baptist Convention increased this fall, up 230 students from the fall semester of 1967.

The total "net" enrollment at the six seminaries this fall was 4,575, compared to 4,312 last year, the Southern Baptist Education Commission here reported.

Four of the six seminaries reported increases in enrollment, while two reported slight decreases.

The four seminaries with enrollment increases were Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif.; Southeastern Baptist Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C.; The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.; and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth.

Slight decreases in regular student enrollments were reported by Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo.; and by New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

Biggest percentage of increase was the enrollment of Golden Gate Seminary in California, which jumped from 231 to 284 students, or 18.6 per cent.

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New Officers Elected

ew officers elected by the State Convention last week were, from left, (seated): Rev. Clark McMurray, Pascagoula, first vice-president; Dr. John G. McCall, Vicksburg, president. Standing: Horace Kerr, Jackson, assistant recording secretary (reelected); Rev. Bynum Basden, Coffeeville, second vice-president, and Paul Adams, Starkville, recording secretary (reelected).

STATE ROUNDUP

Baptists In Georgia Say 'No Tax Funds'

MACON, Ga. (BP) — The vexing question of government aid to church institutions plagued the Georgia Baptist Convention again during their annual meeting when the messengers adopted an amendment to an education report forbidding Baptist schools to receive "tax funds."

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Vicksburg Pastor Is The New President

By Anne
Washburn McWilliams

"I am very optimistic about Mississippi Baptist work. I believe the greatest days are ALWAYS ahead for Christians." Dr. John G. McCall, pastor of First Church, Vicksburg, made this heartening statement last week, on the afternoon following his election as president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

He continued, "My most earnest desire right now is to find God's man to lead Mississippi Baptists as executive secretary." (He is a member of the committee searching for his congregation than Dr. John McCall.)

It was almost seventeen years ago that he preached his first sermon in the storied city of Vicksburg. For that

"I had the deepest respect

and love for Dr. Chester Quarles, and the only possible detraction from my joy in being elected as president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention would be that I will not have the privilege of working with him."

The Vicksburg pastor probably doesn't know this, but a Baptist Building employee once overheard Dr. Quarles say, "I don't believe any pastor in the state is more loved by his congregation than Dr. John McCall."

Earlier in the day the convention approved a \$6 million loan for Georgia Baptist Hospital in Atlanta to expand its

tee which would have set up a committee to help pastorless churches and churchless pastors get together, but asked the Executive Committee to set up a counseling service for pastors.

The action on use of tax funds for Baptist institutions came with an amendment to a lengthy report on Christian higher education.

The report called for increased support of established financial channels without changes in the nature or number of Georgia Baptist colleges. The report was based on a study of Georgia Baptist educational needs made by Doak S. Campbell, and Associates of Tallahassee, Fla.

Rigid restrictions against the schools getting any tax funds from the government were added to the statement on an amendment which was adopted by a vote of 487 to 419.

Hugh Brooks, pastor of the West End Baptist Church in Atlanta, offered the amendment. The church where Brooks is pastor withdrew from the Atlanta Baptist Association last January because the association approved the use of federal funds by Atlanta Baptist College.

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STATE CONVENTION

Quoting The Speakers

Dr. B. O. Baker

Amid the sales talk about permanence, Honduras, and hairpieces, thoughtful students want to know more than the sexploits of James Bond. They want to know and find the answer to fear, frustration, and the apparent failure of Christians to build a better world.

But make no mistake, young friends. In the long tomorrow we will discover that all those carrying signs and smelling of sewers will not be the ones who have produced answers.

Our Lord has not abdicated His throne. God is still God.

Strange as it seems in our stainless steel society of sophistics it is possible to live a lifetime, make a fortune, gain a reputation, and receive the plaudits of men

without ever finding out what life is all about.

I would speak a word for the honest, God-fearing student who believes there is another way to mend our broken world.

Well, the beautiful building, I have three brief words. First, in our dedication, it shall be a monument to those for whom Bob Ramsey thanked

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I would speak a word for the honest, God-fearing student who believes there is another way to mend our broken world.

The only answer and the only solution is to come back to a basic gospel premise that it requires the power of Jesus Christ to transform the nature of the individual man. And only through transformed men can we transform society.

We have gone through a great social crisis and revolution. As a consequence there has emerged a conflict between evangelism and social action. This has created a great theological crisis, a crisis for the church, a crisis for evangelism.

Any kind of theology which

substitutes social action for evangelism is absolutely irrelevant, hopeless and inadequate.

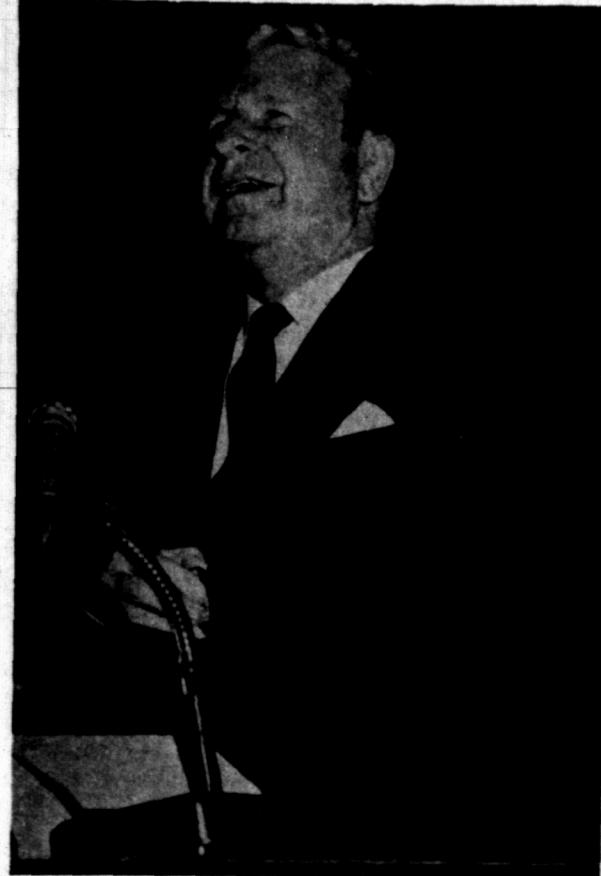
Social action as evangelism cannot begin to come to grips with the three great issues that face the world today — the three P's: poverty, prejudice, peace.

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ed God in his prayer, the dreamers, and the planners, and the executors of that beautiful structure. When you go over there you'll see the names of Dr. Douglas Hudgins and the committee of men who worked with him, and you'll see the name of a precious friend who is in glory.

I held a meeting here with Dr. Hudgins in this dear church a few months ago, and as you know, Dr. Chester Quarles was a fellow elder, a member of this church. So he took me over there, to the new building, of which he was justly and rightly proud. He took me up to the floor where his office was located, and he said to me, "Now, Criswell, I want you to stay outside here for just a moment." So I stayed outside while he went into his office. The building was unfinished, and his office was not furnished; so after a moment he called for me and said, "Come in." And I walked in. He had found somewhere a chair to put behind his desk; he had found somewhere another chair to put in front of his desk, and he said "Criswell, I want you to sit down for I want you to be my first visitor in my new office." Ah, bless the memory

of so sweet and so fine a friend and so worthy a workman of God.

I often think, as you do, how shall it be in the world that is yet to come? And I am persuaded, according to the word of the Lord, that there shall be administrative assignments for us administering God's creation in the world that is yet to come. One of the great English poets said it like this:

When earth's last picture is painted and the tubes are twisted and dried,
When the oldest colours have faded, and the youngest critic has died,
We shall rest, and faith, we shall need it—lie down for an eon or two,
Till the Master of All Good Workmen shall set us awoke anew.

And those that were good shall be happy: they shall sit in a golden chair;
They shall splash at a ten-league canvas with brushes of comets' hair.
They shall find real saints to draw from — Magdalene, Peter, and Paul;
They shall work for an age at a sitting and never grow tired at all!

And only The Master shall praise us, and only The Master shall blame; No one shall work for money, and no one shall work for fame, But each for the joy of the working, and each, in his separate star, Shall draw the Thing as he sees it for the God of Things as They are!

And in that glorious celestial land, God has assigned to our executive leader other tasks and other executive responsibilities. This solemn afternoon it is a dedication in memory of our great friend.

Second, the building shall be an instrument in God's hand and ours of a common determination, in the fellowship of our churches, for the evangelization and missionary outreach of our denomination in the earth. The old prophets had a habit of calling their people back to a remembrance of their forefathers. "Look unto the rock whence ye are hewn and to the hole of the pit whence ye are digged. Look unto Abraham your father and unto Sarah that bore you." Once in awhile it does us good to hearken back where we came from.

Two hundred, and less years ago, our Baptist people were little groups scattered up and down the Eastern seaboard, for the most part "feuding and fussing and fighting." They had fifth Sunday meetings as you remember. On fifth Sundays all the brethren (they called them Elders) gathered together and one of the Elders would present a proposition, and they would spend the rest of the time fussing and arguing and debating over the announced theological possibilities.

In those days there went out a missionary from New England from the port of Boston by the name of Adoniram Judson. He had just married a lovely girl named Ann Haseltine, and on his way over to India where William Carey and his compatriots were evangelizing, he was reading his New Testament. That is a dangerous thing for a pedo-Baptist to do. He was reading his New Testament in Greek, and when he stepped off in Calcutta, he said, "I am not a pedo-Baptist, I am a Baptist" and he was baptized with his wife, there in Calcutta. On another ship there was a bachelor by the name of Luther Rice, who took his Bible along on the ship to the Holy Spirit, and he shall

and read his New Testament in the Greek, and along with the Judsons, when Luther Rice stepped off the boat he said, "I am not a pedo-Baptist, believing in sprinkling infants.

I am a Baptist. On a profession of faith a man should be buried with Christ and raised in newness of life." He, likewise, was baptized in the baptistery in Calcutta. That cut them off from the support of their mission board in New England and it was decided that Adoniram and Ann Haseltine, his wife, should remain in India, and later, in Burma, while Luther Rice came back to the United States of America, the new born nation, to tell American Baptists that they were in the mission business.

Luther Rice gave his life going up and down the Eastern seaboard getting this little bunch of Baptists together. He began to lay upon their hearts the missionary evangelization of the world, and out of that tremendous missionary appeal of Luther Rice came the Triennial Convention in 1814, out of which was born the Southern Baptist Convention in 1845. Out of that ministry of world evangelism came our institutions, our colleges, and finally our seminaries and mission boards. I am persuaded that we were born in that great commitment. It is symbolized in that Baptist Building in concrete and steel, in brick and mortar. It represents a common determination on the part of all of our churches and all of our Baptist brethren for the evangelization of Mississippi, and of America, and of the world.

And last, it is not only a monument to the memory and to the glory of our brethren; it is not only as instrument to the common determination to band ourselves together; for missionary evangelization of the world; it is third, a symbol of the Lordship of Jesus Christ and the autonomy of the local church. It is not the church of Judea, it is the churches of Judea; it is not the church of Macedonia, it is the churches of Macedonia; it is not the church of Galatia, it is the churches of Galatia; it is not Christ to the church of Asia, it is Christ to the churches of Asia. That building is no Vatican, and in that building will be seated no bishop to speak ex cathedra, an hierarchy handing down decisions to us in the churches. No, but it is a symbol of the leadership of the blessed Jesus in heavenward, Godward, Christward.

The Lord bless you my brethren in a new dedication as you enter this new building to the glory of Jesus and to the blessing of our people.

guide each church in our fellowship and in our convention. And may it stand there till Jesus comes again as a symbol of Christ's love for the church and the love of the church for our Lord. Not a mandate handed down from above but a fellowship of God's people loving one another because they love our common Lord.

You know I love to come over here to Mississippi, for one reason, because you meet in this beautiful church. I spoke in a convention night before last in a hall. I have no objection to meeting in a hall or civic center. You will have a great meeting in a coliseum tonight. But I don't know, since I was a boy I have given my life to the church. I love being a pastor of a church. You do good in the convention when you build up the churches. Anything that builds up the church pleases God and blesses the people. Christ loved the church and gave himself for it.

"I Love thy Kingdom, Lord, The house of thine abode, The church our blest Redeemer brought With his own precious blood. I love thy church, Oh, God.

When I say that, I think of the little white crackerbox church where I was saved; I think of the first little churches where I pastored; I think of the congregation over which God has made me overseer and undershepherd now for a quarter of a century.

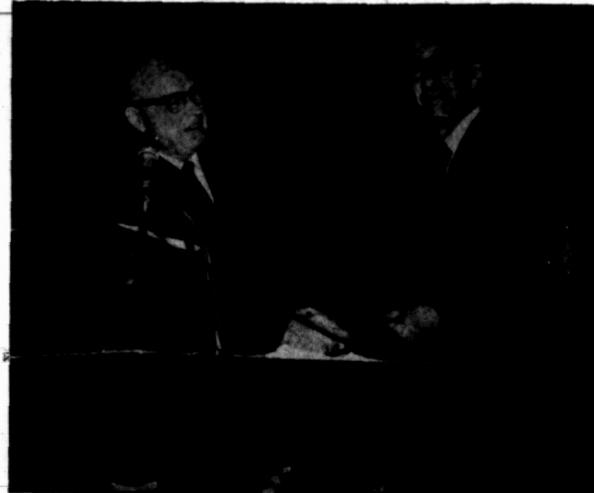
I love thy church, O God, Her walls before me stand, Dear as the apple of thine eye
And graven on thy hand.

For her my tears shall fall, For her my prayers ascend, To her my toils and cares be given
Till toils and cares shall end.

An example of that Lordship of Christ in the local church is the fellowship of the brotherhood seen in that beautiful building across the street.

As Chester Quarles said, "Criswell, look." I looked out the window. "Look, here is the First Church, in Jackson, God's house, and look," he said; there is the Capitol of the state, and this building ties them together. The church, a free church, and the state, a Christian government, moving our people heavenward, Godward, Christward."

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Vicksburg Pastor Is The New President

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sermon and for his sermon at every major event or occasion since, he has chosen as his text the fourth chapter of Ephesians.

The accomplishments under his leadership in Vicksburg have been many, but the major one, perhaps, has been the moving of the church location and the building of a completely new structure now valued at \$1,200,000.

His church helps to support a Chinese mission, and furnishes a meeting place for that mission, on Sunday afternoons.

Before his call to Mississippi, he was four years pastor at Mooresville, North Carolina, and one year pastor at Apopka, Florida, the latter "between college and seminary." There were also student pastorates during his school days at Stetson University and Southern Seminary.

John G. McCall was born in Quitman County, Georgia, the son of May Clark McCall and John F. McCall, and one of five children. He was named for his Georgian grandfather, John G. McCall. Both his father and his grandfather were lawyers, and active Baptist deacons.

When he was a small boy, his family moved to Madison, Florida, where he finished high school, was converted and baptized, and was licensed and ordained to preach. Dr. Guy Stracener, editor of the *Florida Baptist Witness*, was pastor at Madison when he was ordained.

"As one who was not born in this state and who went to school in other states, I want to say that I deeply appreciate the way I have been accepted by, and made one of, Mississippi Baptists. The fact that they have elected me, an 'outsider,' as their president, speaks well for the attitude of the people, and I am grateful for the deep and warm fellowship that I have found here."

It speaks well of Dr. McCall that he has in so many ways proven his loyalty to the Baptist work of this state. He has served on the Executive Committee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, and as secretary of that committee. He has been vice-president of the Convention Board three times (as he says, "you know, bridesmaid in many times, but never the bride!").

He has twice been chairman of the Personnel Committee of the Convention Board, and a member of the Business-Advisory Committee, the Policy Committee, the Committee on Nominations for the state convention; the Long Range Study Committee; the Church-State Study Committee; and other committees.

He has been a member of the Mississippi College Board of Trustees, and moderator of the Warren County Association. He has been a member of the PTA and in other school activities, such as Band Parents' Club.

Miss Cobb, who holds the women's records for altitude, speed and distance in flying, expressed her interest in the work of the Wycliffe Bible Translators by giving the \$80,000, two-engine plane. The aviatress successfully followed the route of Amelia Earhart's ill-fated round-the-world flight.

Plywood, amazingly, dates back 1500 years before Christ! According to information from researchers at the Canadian Hardwood Plywood Association, ancient "piles" or sheets were cut from the flat surface of a split log, and could never be wider than the log itself.



that are of opposite editorial viewpoints, so that he may weigh more than one side of the issues involved.

This dark-haired, unassuming man, whom Mississippi Baptists have "adopted," and elected as their president, may be short in physical stature, but he is tall in gallantry and graciousness, and in Christian love and kindness. He is a competent and trustworthy leader. And, as he himself admits, he is a man of high optimism.

Rev. and Mrs. Robert L. Carlisle, Jr., missionaries to Uruguay now on furlough in the States, are living in Morton, Miss. (address: Box 525, Morton, Miss., 39117). He is a native of Wesson, Miss.; she is the former Ruth Newport, of Shawnee, Okla. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1940.

The exact date of the birth of Christ is unknown, but the fact that the world's Redeemer was born is far more important than the date.

Thanksgiving Day Of Prayer For Revival

More than 400 churches across the nation, including many in Mississippi, will hold special prayer meetings on Thanksgiving Day, November 28, praying for revival in the Baptist churches of America. The services are being held in response to a call by the Myrtle Baptist Church, Myrtle, Miss., Rev. Percy Ray, pastor.

The services will be held at the same hour all across the nation, 9 a.m. Eastern Time zone, 8 a.m. Central Time zone, etc.

At the same time groups from some of the churches will meet on the grounds of the capitols of 26 states to kneel together in prayer for revival in that state. Similar prayer meetings were held in the churches, and on the grounds of the other 24 states last May 14.

Rev. Percy Ray, leader of this prayer movement said concerning it: "The only hope for our nation is a revival in our Baptist churches which will call all of us to repentance. The purpose of these prayer meetings is to pray that God will move in our Baptist churches until a revival comes that will call America back to God."

High Hours Mark Sessions

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The convention voted to meet in 1969 on Nov. 11-13 at the same place, First Baptist Church in Jackson.

Dr. Bill Causey, pastor of Parkway Baptist Church, Jackson, was selected to preach the convention sermon in 1968 with Rev. Johnny L. Taylor, pastor of First Baptist Church, McComb, named as alternate.

The committee on "B.S.U. State College Campus" made its report, which was adopted, and included the following recommendations:

"1. That the Convention Board within two years assume responsibility for employment of Directors and supervision of work for non-Baptist senior colleges. That in a period of ten years the Convention Board assume responsibility for employment of Directors and supervision of work in non-Baptist junior colleges. That local areas affected be asked to continue financial support to this work through the Cooperative Program.

"2. It is recognized that the question of determining salary schedules for added personnel is not that of this committee but is a prerogative of the Convention Board, but it is felt that the question of attracting and holding dedicated people is of paramount magnitude, and that this type person can be obtained only if a salary is offered which is on a par with comparable professionals with the school where the work is to be performed.

"3. That the Convention Board

be asked to consider the appointment of a permanent advisory committee on Baptist Student work, with membership on a rotation basis.

"4. The urgent need for an Associate State Student Director is recognized, and we recommend that one be employed as expeditiously as possible."

A memorial service was held Tuesday evening for the late Dr. Chester L. Quarles with the request that the 1968 Convention annual be dedicated to Dr. Quarles and that a full-page picture of him be included in the minutes.

Moore Speaks

Dr. Merrill D. Moore, of Nashville, executive director of the SBC Stewardship Commission, presented a plaque to the convention from the SBC Executive Committee, in memory of the late Dr. Chester L. Quarles. The committee held a special memorial service at its recent meeting in honor of the late leader.

The Convention adopted a recommendation of the Convention Board that Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, of Jackson, be elected as acting Executive Secretary, without salary, until a new Executive Secretary is secured.

Previously the Executive Committee through its chairman, Dr. Hudgins, had been acting as interim Executive Secretary.

According to the above action Dr. Hudgins will be acting Executive Secretary regardless of who may be elected chairman of the Executive Committee at the post-convention session of the Convention Board on Nov. 26.

Arthur L. Nelson, treasurer and business manager of the

Convention Board, was also elected as treasurer of the Convention.

The Convention adopted the report of the Education Commission, which included the following recommendation:

"1. That the section of the Constitution of the Mississippi Baptist Convention entitled Plan of Organization and Action, Article XVI, Section 2 be revised to read as follows:

"If the Convention or any of its agencies or institutions, incurs an operational deficit at the close of any fiscal year, an equal portion of the operational allocation to the Con-

vention, agency or institutional budget for the succeeding year shall be used first to offset such deficit; and the succeeding year's budget item reflecting income expected to be derived from the Convention allocation from operation shall be reduced by the amount used to cover such deficit."

This matter having been

brought to the 1967 Convention by the Convention Board and published two years in the Baptist Record, upon motion by Barnes and proper

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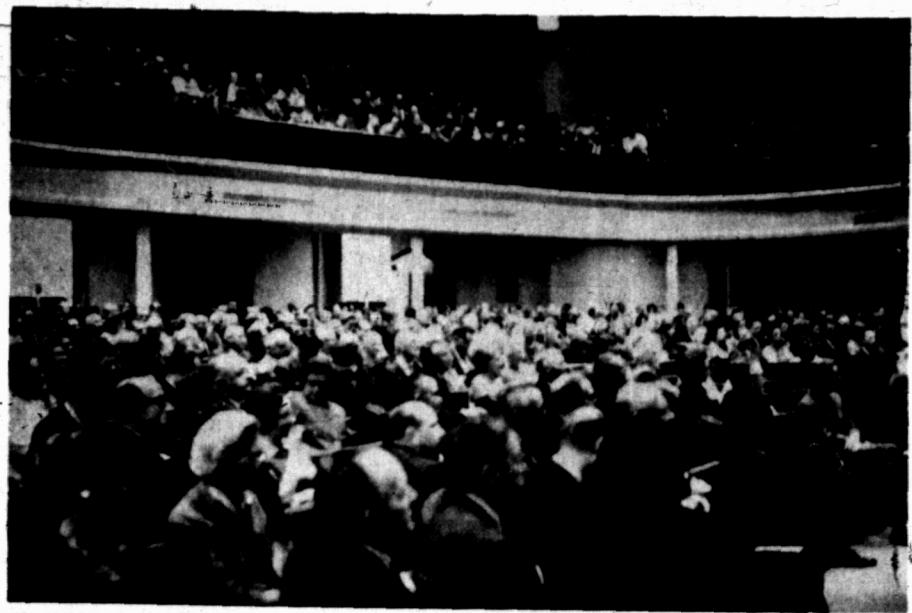
proved the change."

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Rev. Carmon Savell, of Pace, (left) and Rev. Bob Leavell, Grenada, look over Training Union Department exhibit which features the Crusade of the Americas.



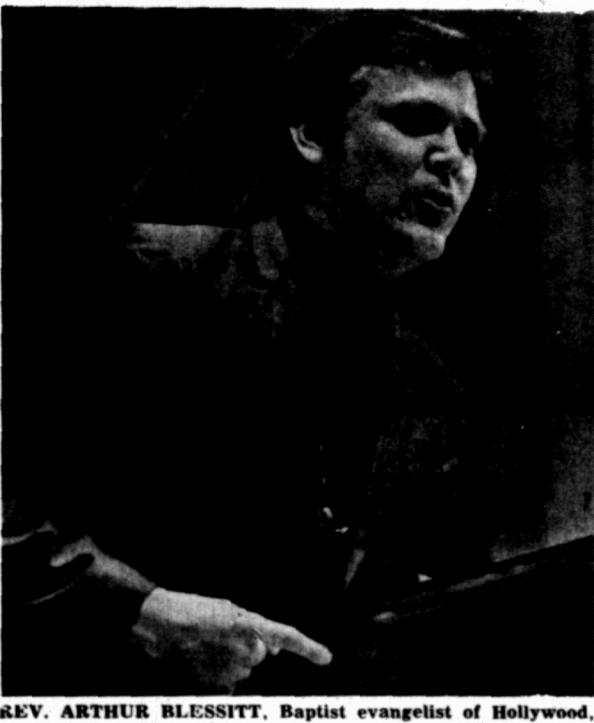
The State Convention is seen in session in the auditorium of First Baptist Church in Jackson.



R.L. AND BETH SIGREST, of Yazoo City, rendered special music at each convention session.



REV. ANIS SHOROSH, Baptist evangelist of Mobile, Ala., is seen delivering message to the convention.



REV. ARTHUR BLESSITT, Baptist evangelist of Hollywood, Calif., tells of his work and preaches at the convention.



DR. B. O. BAKER, of Dallas, Texas, principal speaker at Youth Night session, is seen in action in Coliseum.



FOUR LEADERS in Cooperative Missions Department of Convention Board make report for department. From left: Dr. Foy Rogers, director; Rev. Leon Emery, Rev. Jerry St. John and Therman Bryant, all associates.



DR. DICK HALL, JR., of Decatur, Ga., regional director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State, speaks to the convention.



FOUR CHURCHES received awards in the Church Development Ministry from the Cooperative Missions Department. Receiving the awards on behalf of each church are from left: Rev. Russell Naron, Rock Hill, Brandon; Lloyd Jones (deacon) Emmanuel, Leflore; Rev. Spurgeon Cooper, Springfield, Scott; Rev. Kermit Sharpe, Marion, Lauderdale.



Dr. Bob Hamblin, pastor of Harrisburg Baptist Church in Tupelo, brings principal message at Tuesday night's session featuring state missions.



REV. E. P. BURKE, of Lyon, superintendent of missions of Riverside Association, and Rev. Ralph Davis, missionary to Biafra, look over the impressive exhibit of the Foreign Missions Board.



THE TWO convention secretaries confer often during sessions. They are Horace Kerr, (left) of Jackson, associate recording secretary, and Paul Adams, Starkville, recording secretary.



AN ADDITIONAL VIEW of the formal dedication service of new Baptist Building, held Thursday afternoon.



General view of the Exhibit area of the Convention, located in Fellowship Hall of the host church.

Convention Scenes



Claude Townsend, Florence, convention president, is seen presiding.



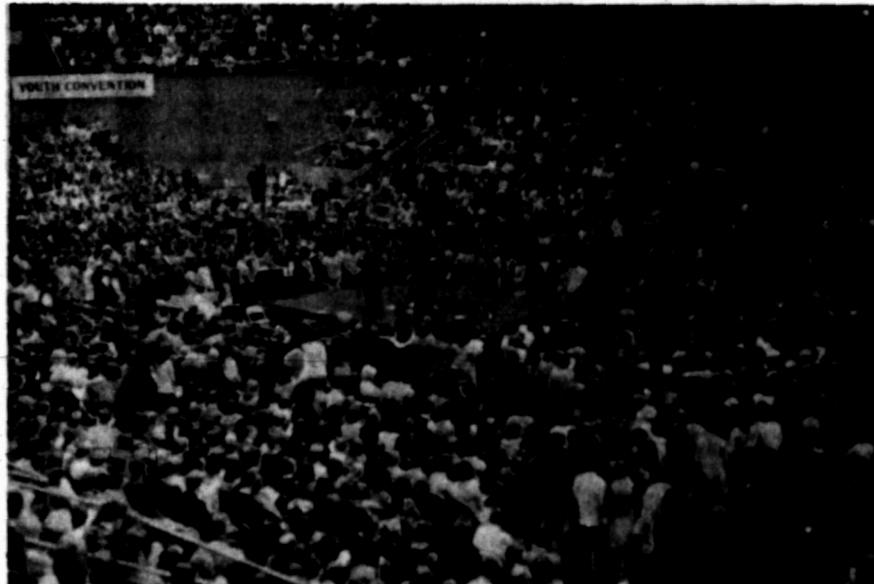
REV. JAMES RICHARDSON, pastor of First Baptist Church, Leeland, preaches annual convention sermon at opening session.



DR. RAY ROBERTS, executive secretary of Southern Baptists in Ohio, addresses the body.



The play "Onesimus" was presented at the Youth Night session by students from Mississippi College, under direction of Billy Lytal, of the Speech Department.



More than 200 young people responded to the invitation for life commitment given at the close of the annual Youth Night service in the Coliseum.



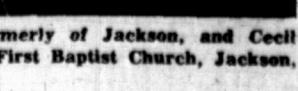
DR. FOY ROGERS, director of Cooperative Missions Department, introduces the new pastor of the Chinese Baptist Church in Cleveland, Rev. Paul Chan.



Mrs. Faye Ridings, assistant in Historical Commission, discusses work of that body with A. L. Nelson, Jackson, treasurer and business manager of the Convention Board.



DR. W. LEVON MOORE, pastor of First Baptist Church, Pontotoc, and chairman of the Audit, Budget and Allocations Committee of the Convention Board, presents the Convention Board report. Seated is Dr. Bob Ramsay, pastor of First Baptist Church, Brookhaven, first vice-president of the convention, presiding.



REID MOORE, Memphis, formerly of Jackson, and Cecil Harper, minister of music of First Baptist Church, Jackson, sing a duet during convention.

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The 1968 Convention

The 1968 Mississippi Baptist Convention session was a great meeting in a number of ways. It was marked by high hours of spiritual power, by unity of purpose, and by forwardness in direction. However, it will not be remembered as a convention of great accomplishment or unusual advance.

It might well be called an "interim convention" — a convention held in the interim between the closing of the ministry of one leader, and awaiting the beginning of the work of another.

The convention moved at continual high level on the strength of the foundations laid by the late Executive Secretary, Dr. Chester L. Quarles, and set high goals for itself and its agencies for the coming year, but did not launch out into new programs or endeavors, appearing to leave those for the leadership of a new secretary, yet to be chosen.

Harmony and Fellowship

It was a meeting of harmony and fellowship, without a single period of debate or dissent. One evidence of the unity was the fact that the budget, although the largest in the history of the convention, was adopted without dissension or debate. This reveals the splendid work that has been done by the Budget and Allocations Committee and the Convention Board in developing the new budget, and the confidence the convention had in these leaders.

Seldom have we heard finer messages. The Program Committee had brought one or more outstanding speakers, both from within and without the state, to be featured at each session, and every man, almost without exception, lifted the messengers to new heights of missionary concern and evangelistic fervor. Someone remarked that the convention was more like an evangelistic conference than a convention, since the emphasis was more on inspiration than on business.

Reports

The reports from the boards and agencies revealed that all phases of Mississippi Baptist work is in splendid condition. The report from the colleges did not hide the fact that serious financial problems are faced, but, at the same time, showed that each of the institutions is having a good year, and is render-

ing outstanding service to the youth of our state, and to the denomination. The Mississippi Baptist Hospital unveiled its plans for merging its School of Nursing with Mississippi College to give it academic standing, and to allow the graduates to receive degrees when they complete their work. The report also pointed to the long range plans of the hospital, ultimately looking to the day when a new facility will be erected. The Children's Village report showed how this great ministry is providing for so many children from broken homes, and how its new campus is now one of the most adequate in the entire Southern Baptist Convention. Some other states have sent representatives to visit the facility, with the idea of considering copying some of its plans. The Baptist Foundation reported an unusually successful year, and the Christian Action Commission revealed numerous worthy accomplishments.

Departments of the Convention Board brought reports revealing a busy year in all areas of their ministry to and for the churches. Those hearing these reports cannot but rejoice at the strength which has come to this board in its many phases of work.

Evangelism

Running through the reports and messages heard at the convention was the theme of evangelism, with special emphasis upon the forthcoming Crusade of the Americas. This reached a climax on Thursday afternoon, in an outstanding message by Dr. Wayne Dehoney of Louisville, Ky., former president of the Southern Baptist Convention, and American Co-ordinator for the coming crusade. Dr. Dehoney was at his best, and the crusade was in his heart. He revealed that it was proving to be one of the greatest unity movements of Christian history, and that its purpose was the true answer to the social problems of this crisis hour.

One of the high hours of the convention was the dedication of the new Baptist Building on Thursday afternoon. This service was led by Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, with Dr. W. A. Criswell of Dallas, President of the Southern Baptist Convention, bringing the message. It was a stirring moment for all when this beautiful and spacious building was dedicated to God by the hundreds of messengers present for the occasion.

The great youth rally at the State Coliseum on Thursday night, was, as usual, an unforgettable experience. Estimates placed the number present, from all over the state, between 11,000 and 12,000. The sight of these young people, so many of whom have dedicated their lives to Christ in a special way, restores ones faith in youth, in a day when so many are moving in other directions.

Conviction

One turns from this convention with the conviction

that it did move under the impact of the influence of its great leader of the past eighteen years, whom God has promoted to new tasks in glory. The love he gave, and the missionary and evangelistic concern and the high vision of faith, which marked his leadership, was felt by all present at this meeting. At the same time the messengers were looking forward, not unmindful of the tasks God had laid upon them, and determined to reach out to greater heights under the new leadership which God will give.

Mississippi Baptists are not being turned aside by secondary matters, but are continuing to center their work in the evangelistic and missionary program given by Christ himself, when he said, "Go into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

A Call For Prayer

The Mississippi Baptist Convention, in its recent session, unanimously approved a motion that Sunday, November 24, be set as a time when the churches of Mississippi would be asked to pray for God's direction in the quest for a new Executive Secretary.

The task of securing a successor to the late Dr. Chester L. Quarles is the responsibility of the State Convention Board, and that body has appointed a special committee to bring to it a recommendation. While the responsibility rests with these men, the concern about finding a new secretary presses upon every Baptist in the state, and the most important thing that those Baptists can do right now is to pray.

Somewhere, God has a man whom he wants to fill this place. Every Mississippi Baptist is urged by the convention to pray earnestly that God will lead the Convention Board to that man, and lead that man to feel God's call to accept this great responsibility and task. Certainly, every church in the state, and every Baptist in the state, should heed the call of the convention and make the matter an object of special prayer on the Sunday designated. However, do not wait until that Sunday to pray. Begin today, and ask God daily for his leadership in this important matter.

Meanwhile, the work of the Convention Board moves forward without interruption, for the whole program is being led by Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, elected by the board to serve as Interim Secretary, by A. L. Nelson, elected by the board as Treasurer, and by the Executive Committee. Moreover, each department is carrying on its work in full strength. The finding of a new secretary is not an emergency matter which must be rushed through hastily, but is one which must not be unduly delayed. That is why it is so important that all Mississippi Baptists join in prayer for God's leadership now.



I heard a story about a man who was out strolling across a field one day when all of a sudden he came upon his neighbor walking down a path leading a dog. The man asked his neighbor if he were going hunting. "No," said the neighbor, "I'm going down to the lake to drown this dog." "What's the matter with the dog," he asked. "Well I'll tell you, when this dog was a pup, he would mind me and I believe he had the best disposition of any dog I ever owned. But when he got older, he started roaming all over the community and never did stay at home. He would follow everybody who happened to come along and I never did know where he was. And you know, a dog that will follow everybody isn't worth much to anybody."

You know, this is not only true of dogs, but it's true of people, also. The pages of history are filled with stories of men who failed because they followed the crowd. Those early disciples recognized Jesus' voice as the voice of authority and they refused to follow "just anybody." By following Him they became not only men with a strong character, they became "more than conquerors," they became God's men. But they didn't establish that relationship with the Master by following "everybody" who happened along. — Truman Brooks, Minister, St. John's Methodist Church, Greenwood, Mississippi (From The Methodist Advocate)

Warren G. Harding — "I have always believed in the inspiration of the Holy Scriptures, whereby they have become the expression to man of the Word and Will of God."

Woodrow Wilson — "When you have read the Bible, you will know it is the word of God, because you will have found it the key to your heart, your own happiness, and your own duty."

Herbert Hoover — "There is no other book so various as the Bible, nor one so full of concentrated wisdom."

Calendar of Prayer

(This list is not compiled according to birthdays.)

November 25 — Betty Jane Frew, Baptist student director, Hinds Junior College; Dorothy Crow, faculty, Gilfoyle School of Nursing.

November 26 — Mrs. Emma B. Cochran, faculty, Mississippi College; Lynwood Porter, Noxubee associational Training Union director.

November 27 — W. L. Comper, president, Clarke College; John E. Barnes, Jr., Education Commission.

November 28 — E. T. Jenkins, assistant superintendent, Children's Village; Maurice E. Flowers, Jr., Bolivar associational superintendent of missions.

November 29 — Mrs. Anne McWilliams, Miss Carolyn Madison, Kenneth Miller, Baptist Building employees.

November 30 — Marguerite Hill, director of public relations, Blue Mountain College; Mrs. Marjorie Rowden, director of public relations, William Carey College.

December 1 — Jimmy Lumpkin, Baptist Book Store; Dewey Metts, Baptist student director, Holmes Junior College.

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Prayer Patches



Newest In Books

THE CONSPIRACY THAT FAILED

by Edd Doerr (Americans United, 186 pp., paper, \$2.25)

This is the inside story of the campaign to scuttle church-state separation in New York. It is a thorough study of the effort to change the Constitution of New York state so that parochial schools and other private schools could share in tax money. This author shows how and why this effort failed and why American citizens must continue to be alert to prevent new efforts such as this from succeeding.

THE HARMONY OF SCIENCE AND SCRIPTURE

by Harry Rimmer (Eerdman's, 283 pp., \$3.50)

A reprint of a very valuable volume written by a man who trained as a physician and scientist and then felt the call of God to write and preach for Christ. Few men have been able to present the truths of science in the light of the word of God, and the word of God in the light of true science.

This book deals with the authenticity of the Scripture and especially with such questions as Jonah and the whale, the flood, the ark, and the long day of Joshua. Dr. Rimmer believes the Bible and that its messages are true and shows how the Bible truth does not conflict with true science.

This will be a most valuable book for church libraries and especially to put into the hands of young people who are faced with the unbiblical so often found in some of their modern school books.

HOW TO SPEAK SO PEOPLE WILL LISTEN

by Ronald L. Willingham (Word Books, 102 pp., \$3.95)

Mr. Willingham conducts personal development courses in Amarillo, Texas, where he lives with his wife and two teenage daughters. In this new book he advocates personal development through better self-expression.

Enthusiastic and convincing, he tells how to choose a topic for a speech, how to organize the material, and how to deliver the speech with conviction and interest. He tells how to introduce a speaker and gives "six ways to murder a speaker." There is a good chapter on "how to read the Scripture so your audience will understand it." This is one of the most interesting, readable, well-written books on public speaking that has come out in a long time.

PLANNED PROGRAMS FOR MEN'S GROUPS

by Leslie Parrott (Zondervan, paperback, \$1, 63 pp.)

"Hard-hitting, completely planned" programs that will make an impact on the hearts and lives of those who take part in them, or who sit and listen to them. Brotherhoods and other laymen's groups would find this book articulately helpful.

I'LL TAKE THE HIGH ROAD

by Stephen F. Olford (Zondervan, paperback, \$1, 58 pp.)

This book by the pastor of the famous Calvary Baptist Church of New York City is intended for young people.

"Those who have already found the Way of Life, and are not content to ramble along at a routine level, but would rather scramble up to the rugged, but rewarding pathway of exhilarating experience and topmost blessings."

RETURN OF THE REBEL

by Jeanette Lockerbie (Zondervan, 150 pp., \$2.95)

In this new novel, the daughter of Medical missionaries rebels against school authorities and against society in general, and runs with the wrong crowd. The author faces the fact honestly that children of missionaries sometimes have unique problems. The heroine of this book finds no "happy" answer as a result of her rebellion, but rather pays the full price — and learns thereby.

CRUDEN'S COMPACT CONCORDANCE

(Zondervan, 563 pp., \$3.95)

Here is an adequate, usable concordance in compact style. Bound in cloth, this version is printed in readable type, with key words in bold face type, alphabetically arranged for convenient, easy use. It is a valuable reference tool in making the King James and other Bible versions more accessible.

URGES SALARY RAISES

Dear Editor:

Notice to church finance and budget committees. The cost of living has increased at a rate of four percent for several years. Unless you increase your pastor's, educational director's, music and youth's, and other church staff's salaries by at least four percent, you have, in effect, cut their purchasing power by four percent. After checking with pastors and deacons from one end of this state to the other it is rather sad to find so many dedicated church staffs and missionaries receiving small, inadequate salaries. Now is budget time. Take a close look at salaries in your church and association. Our school teachers received a one thousand dollar raise this year, and in many instances, our church leaders are entitled to this much or more. Pray for the leadership of the Holy Spirit in this matter and become compassionately concerned.

Talmadge Rayborn,

Deacon

First Baptist Church

Starkville, Mississippi

Baptist Forum

SEMINARY ENROLLMENT UP

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corded 1,735 students this year compared to 1,614 last year, an increase of 121 in enrollment or 6.97 per cent.

Ranking second both in the percentage and numerical increase was Southern Seminary in Louisville, which reported 1,077 students this fall compared to 996 last fall, an increase of 81 students and 13.9 per cent.

Enrollment at Southeastern Seminary in Wake Forest increased by 35 students, or 6.01 per cent, from 547 to 582 students this fall.

Both seminaries with enrollment decreases reported figures indicating increases of less than five per cent.

New Orleans Seminary enrollment was 717 last fall, and 694 this fall; a decrease of 23 students and 3.2 per cent.

Midwestern Seminary enrollment dropped by only four students, or 3.2 per cent. Last fall Midwestern reported an enrollment of 207, and this year 203 students.

All comparative enrollment figures released by the SBC Education Commission dealt with "net" enrollment of regular, full-time students.

Three of the six seminaries reported enrollment figures for "Other students," including students enrolled in non-credit, extension and correspondence classes.

Golden Gate reported 17 such students, bringing its total enrollment to 301; Midwestern reported 20 "other" students, making its total enrollment 223; and Southern Seminary listed 94 "other" students, bringing its total enrollment to 1,171.

Baptists In Chilean News

Rev. F. David Stull, South

ern Baptist missionary to

Chile, living in Santiago,

reports that a local magazine,

Ereilia, with a format similar

to Time magazine, dedicated

the entire religion section of

a recent issue to the

international congress of the

southern South America region of

the Crusade of the Americas

organization.

THE CHRISTIAN, THE CHURCH AND CONTEMPORARY PROBLEMS

by T. B. Maston (Word 248 pp., \$5.95)

Dr. T. B. Maston who served for many years as a professor at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary has a conviction that the outstanding weakness of contemporary Christianity is the ethical or moral weakness. He says that our preaching is better than our practice. In this book he



CLAUDE TOWNSEND, outgoing convention president, (left), receives a plaque on behalf of his faithful service to the body over the past two years. Making presentation is Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, chairman of the Executive Committee.



REV. JACKIE HAMILTON, pastor of First Baptist Church, Quitman, is one of many who were served coffee at the booth of the Stewardship Department in Exhibit Area. Serving are Mrs. Pat Turner (left) and Mrs. Shirley Dyess, office secretaries. The coffee was donated by an interested individual according to Rev. John Alexander, department director.

Quoting Speakers At The Convention

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Rhode Island, Roger Williams organized the first Baptist church on the continent, and it was he who established the first state ever formed on the principle of absolute liberty of conscience.

He provided for a separation of church and state at a time when there was no historical example of such a government.

We do well to glance at some of the struggles and the triumphs of our Baptist forefathers in this country, before coming to our own Southern Baptist convictions.

Thus a small sect, called Baptists, despised and discredited by many, brought about the religious freedom which has blessed our nation for all of these years and has been a pattern for governments around the world.

The problem is so real and the issues are so far reaching, that Baptists must take a very careful look before they loosen this foundation stone of separation of church and state!

Dr. Theron V. Farris

Evangelism is more than the saving of souls; it is the reclamation of the total personality of man.

No cathedral can be constructed of such architectural grandeur that God will be primarily impressed with the beauty of the structure.

Rather, His major concern will be man's reconciliation to Himself with that building.

The 'ministry of reconciliation' would be the one activity to be totally eliminated if there had been no cross.

Our faithfulness in the evangelistic task is as important as the blood of Christ. That makes it my supreme responsibility.

Dr. Clark Pincock

We are offered Twiggies theologies which are little more than a skeleton, mini-theologies which are in high style in summer but have to run for cover when the winter season comes.

We must speedily repudiate the modern revisions of the gospel and return to the plans of the Master deposited in holy Scripture.

For more than a generation now Southern Baptists have lacked an articulate evangelistic theology.

The time is now for the preparation of a full scale Biblical theology on which to ground the new reformation for which we strive and pray.

Theological education is crucial to the future of our church.

Dr. Robert L. Hamblin

There is one thing that needs to be certain in order that we might do the great thing that God has for us to do.

do in the very best way. We need to be together, we need unity of faith, and I mean by faith, commitment to God.

When we discuss the program of Mississippi Baptists, we are not talking about what is being done in Jackson, in or out of the Baptist Building, but we are talking about what Harrisburg Baptist Church in Tupelo is doing in Mississippi and in the world.

We are talking about what your church is doing. The First Baptist Church, The Second Baptist Church, and the Last Baptist Church has a ministry to perform in the kingdom of God.

The unity of the faith of Mississippi Baptists is based upon our belief that the Bible is God's word.

Many religious bodies in America have apparently sold out the word of God.

Dr. Ray E. Roberts

The first person singular is used frequently in our day to describe those things which we possess in the material world.

Someone has said we Americans have too much to live with, but not enough to live for.

The biggest problem facing many is how to lose ten pounds and where to park their second car.

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STATE ROUNDUP

Georgia Says 'No Tax Funds'

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facilities. The motion authorized the hospital to borrow money "at the lowest interest rate available."

When questioned if this might mean federal funds, hospital officials said none were currently available, but hinted that if loans were available they might be sought. The hospital loan was approved with few dissenting votes.

The convention adopted a resolution opposing the legalization of pari-mutual betting in Georgia and the state-wide legalization of liquor sales. Legislation on both subjects is expected when the Georgia General Assembly convenes in January.

In other major actions Georgia Baptists approved a record Cooperative Program budget for 1969 of \$5,344,800 an increase of almost one half million dollars. The budget will allocate 50 per cent to state-wide causes and 50 per cent to Southern Baptist Convention world mission causes, after the deduction of \$572,800 for administration and promotion costs.

Walter L. Moore, pastor of Vineville Baptist Church in Macon was elected Georgia Baptist Convention president. The 1969 convention will meet in Atlanta Nov. 10-12.

Maryland Has Calm Convention

BEL AIR, Md. (BP)—Outside a storm was raging, but inside the Oak Grove Baptist Church here, the Baptist Convention of Maryland had a calm session with no stormy controversy.

The storm dumped up to 14 inches of snow in parts of Maryland, cutting attendance at the convention slightly, but not dampening the spirit.

In major actions, the convention for the third consecutive year elected a layman as its president, and for the first time elected a woman as a top officer.

New president is Ralph Walls, an automotive executive from Bel Air, and the immediate past president of the convention's State Mission Board.

First woman elected as an officer was Mrs. Samuel Jackson of First Baptist Church, Baltimore, and immediate past president of the state Woman's Missionary Union. She was elected second vice president.

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when we take the gospel to them where they are.

If we spent as much time and energy leading our people out witnessing as we do getting them to another meeting we'd see this world shaken in only a short while.

Yes, we need a meeting. We have to start meeting people eyeball to eyeball and share Christ with them.

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during its 138th annual meeting here.

During what some observers called "one of its most harmonious sessions in years," the only controversy during the convention was sparked by the almost perennial question of federal aid to education and a resolution of support for conscientious objectors to military combat service.

A student from Southeastern Seminary in Wake Forest, N. C., Terry Nichols, offered the resolution on conscientious objectors, asking the convention to affirm the right of objection and urging that information and counseling be provided for those who take that route.

A substitute motion offered by the resolutions committee of the convention would have recognized the right of conscientious objection as provided by law. Nichols, one of the organizers of a group called Baptist Students Concerned, asked that his request for information and counseling services be added to the substitute resolution.

After lengthy debate, the entire matter was referred to the new Council on Christian Life and Public Affairs, created at this session of the convention. The Council, which will eventually employ a director and other personnel, will function in much the same way as the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The convention twice refused to reconsider its 1967 decision to allow one of its colleges to participate in a federally-financed faculty enrichment program. The 1967 convention allowed Mars Hill College in Mars Hill, N. C., to take part in the Title III portion of the Higher Education Act of 1965 to enable the college to achieve accreditation.

A pastor from Western North Carolina, J. W. Bargiel of Hayesville, N. C., asked the convention to rescind the 1967 action. His motion was tabled.

Later the convention turned down a request to take the motion off the table.

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SCRAPBOOK

Harvest Prayer

Lord, who gives us each good thing,
Harvest prayer we offer here,
Thanking Thee with grateful hearts
For another circling year
That has brought such bounty now
To this table where we meet.
Lord, within Thy love and care
We are evermore complete.

—Louise Darcy

Remember God's bounty in
the year. . . . Give this one
day to thanks, to joy, to gratitude.—Henry Ward Beecher

An ungrateful man is like a
hog under a tree eating
acorns, but never looking up
to see where they come from.—Timothy Dexter



"Offer Unto God Thanksgiving . . ."

AT THIS Thanksgiving Season, Jerry, Jim, and Jeff say "Thank you, Southern Baptists." At 18 months of age, tiny, frail, and sick, they were brought into the warm, loving ministry of a Week Day Program supported by Southern Baptist churches where they and their entire family of nine have come to know new and abundant life through Christ. We should thank God for the privilege of providing spiritual blessings to these and many others.—(Home Board Photo)

SOUTHERN BAPTISTS

30 Years In Electronic Communications

Southern Baptists' Radio and Television Commission observed its 30th anniversary at its annual meeting recently at the agency's headquarters in Fort Worth.

The event specifically commemorated was the first meeting of the Radio Committee. This meeting, held in 1938, marked the entrance of Southern Baptists into the field of electronic communications.

Fort Worth officials and civic leaders joined Commission members and personnel in the anniversary observance. Local businesses devoted billboards and marqueses to messages of congratulations, and news media gave special coverage to anniversary events and carried congratulatory announcements.

Dr. Paul M. Stevens, marking his 15th year as executive director of the Commission, was singled out for special honors. Fort Worth Mayor DeWitt McKinley declared an official "Paul M. Stevens Day," and the president of the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce presented Stevens with a "Super Salesman" award.

The award referred to the



millions of times that Commission productions have signed off using the name of Fort Worth, thus giving the city free nationwide publicity.

At a testimonial dinner for Stevens, the progress of the Commission in the last 15 years was recounted for Commission members and guests. It was noted that from one program on about 30 stations, the agency's ministry has grown to 32 different radio and television productions carried on more than 1,200 stations. The Commission's 2,200 weekly programs, in English and 10 foreign languages, were credited with an audience of some 50 million people in the United States and 40 other countries.

Attention also was called to the Commission's modern facilities, occupied in 1965, and its growing inventory of up-to-date production equipment.

The Commission now has about 75 fulltime employees, many of whom are professionals recruited from the electronic communications industry and related fields.

These facilities and personnel enable the Commission to produce the quality of religious programs for which the broadcasting industry allows an average of over \$35 million worth of free broadcast time a year, dinner guests were told.

Thanksgiving Day

The laughter in the kitchen where
They're baking pie,
The smell of turkey in the air,
The bleak November sky,
The snowflakes on their playful way
To cold and barren ground.

Remind us that Thanksgiving Day
Again has rolled around.

As we await the dinner bell
And merriment so gay,
Let us recall for just a spell
The first Thanksgiving Day.

Let's live again the pilgrim way,
Bear in mind what the bore
How meager were the blessings they

Thanked the Almighty for.

They knew no ease or comfort then;
Behind trees death would lurk,
Yet fair young women and their men

Walked bravely to the kirk.
In thanks to God their prayers
would rise.

For blessings of their day—
Within themselves their conscience
cried.

"You'd better kneel and pray!"

We squirm a bit, quite ill at ease
In our soft and comfy chair.
As once again our fancy sees
What Pilgrims had to bear.

Then as we count our blessings, too,
Strewn as the summer flowers,

We know and say, "O God, thank
You."

For blessings that are ours.

"Forgive us, God, and may we grow
In faith that is right and true.
That all the blessings we can know
Could only come from Thee:

And help us value Thy great love
Along our pilgrim way.

May each dawn be the starting of
A new Thanksgiving Day."

—Donald Laverne Walker

God Has Been Good

The years have gone and I have
grown old.
The fields I tilled are now my own.
These hills that once were gashed
and torn

No longer now are frayed and
worn—

God has been good to me.

I have known toils and tears and
sweat

And hopes and fears and some
regret,

Success and failure, groan and
smile

But on the whole, it's been worth
while—

God has been good to me.

The children too have brought us
joys—

Respectable, dependable girls and
boys.

They look ahead to things to come
As I look back, My race is run—

God has been good to me!

—Howard Hembree,

White County, Tenn.

"I'm Thankful"

I'm thankful for what I've got
And for what I haven't got.

Such measure of human pax,
Or the enigma-mysticks, like as not.

I'm thankful for all my folks,
For the young one and the slow

pokes,

I'm thankful all of life is not tears,
Nor pain, nor pain, not all is fears,

I'm plumb thankful for God's Grace,
His abundant goodness every place.

—Mrs. E. H. Harrell
Clarksdale, Miss.

A grateful heart is a great
heart.

"And Forget Not All His Benefits"

MY COUNTRY — "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance." —Psalm 33:12
FOOD — "Having food and raiment, let us be therewith content." —I Timothy 6:8

CLOTHING — "Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field — shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?" —Matthew 6:30

SHEDDING — "But the God of all grace, who has supplied all your needs according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus." —Philippians 4:19

HEALTH and STRENGTH — "Who forgiveth thine iniquities; who healeth thy diseases." —Psalm 103:3

FAMILY — "Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it." —Psalm 127:1

FRIENDS — "A friend loveth at all times." —Proverbs 17:17

WORK — "For thou shall eat the labour of thine hands; happy shall thou be, and it shall be well with thee." —Psalm 128:2

PLEASURES — "In my presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand, there are pleasures for evermore." —Psalm 16:11

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY — "Happy is the man that findeth wisdom and the woman that getteth understanding." —Proverbs 3:13

MY CHURCH — "O come, let us worship and bow down let us kneel before the Lord our maker." —Psalm 95:6

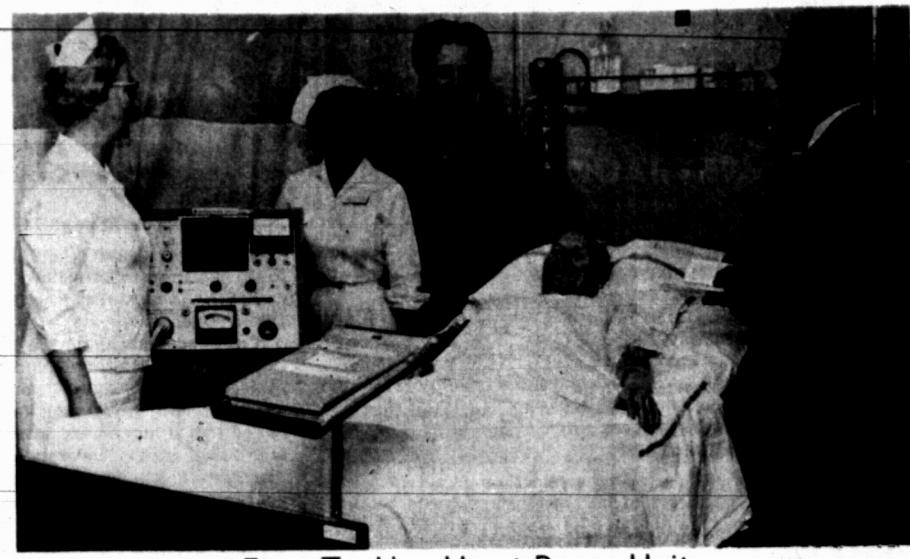
PATH — "Psalm 119:165

CHRIST — "God is in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself... for he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin, that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." —2 Corinthians 5:19,21

ETERNITY — "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither hath entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him." —1 Corinthians 2:9

"BLESS THE LORD O MY SOUL AND FORGET NOT ALL HIS BENEFITS." —Psalm 103:2

—NEWS and VIKWS, North Greenwood Church



First To Use Heart-Pacer Unit

Eldridge Holcomb, Jackson, was the first patient at Mississippi Baptist Hospital in Jackson to use both the external and internal heart-pacer units. He has since been dismissed from the hospital and is now at home. Congratulating him as he was transferred from the hospital's intensive-care unit were (from left) Mrs. Johnnie Weber, director of nursing; Miss Betty Patterson, administrative assistant for the intensive-care unit; Mrs. Holcomb; and Rev. Gordon Shambarger, chaplain for the hospital. (Baptist Hospital photo)

DR. BELOTE MAKING 3-WEEK ASIAN TOUR

Dr. James D. Belote, newly elected secretary for East Asia for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, is currently making a three-week tour of the area for which he has responsibility. (Mrs. Belote is a native of Water Valley, Miss.)

Named to the post in October, Dr. Belote remained in Richmond, Va., only long enough to establish his headquarters office before embarking on the trip which will take him to Japan, Korea, Okinawa, Taiwan, Hong Kong, and Macao. These countries, with mainland China if and when it reopens to missionaries, constitute one of the six administrative sectors of the world into which Southern Baptist foreign mission work has been divided.

Working with 350 missionaries in East Asia, Dr. Belote will seek to strengthen and expand Baptist mission efforts in the area. He will serve both as a supervisor and as a liaison between the missionaries and the Foreign Mission Board.

At the time of his election to his present position, Dr. Belote, who had been a missionary since 1940, was president of the Hong Kong Baptist Theological Seminary (since 1952) and of the Asian Baptist Graduate Theological Seminary (since 1960). The Graduate Seminary operates through branches at several Baptist seminaries in the Orient, with administrative offices in Hong Kong.

While on leave of absence from September, 1964, through May, 1967, he was professor of missions, comparative religions, and evangelism at New Orleans Seminary.

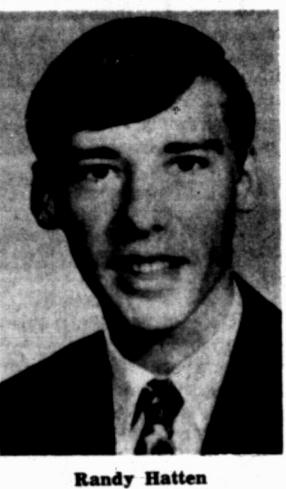
Dr. Belote studied at

George Washington University, in his native Washington, D. C., and at Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., and graduated from Wheaton (Ill.) College with the bachelor of arts degree, from Columbia (S.C.) Bible College with the master of theology degree, and from New Orleans Seminary with the doctor of theology degree.

He is married to the former Martha Bigham, native of Water Valley, Miss. They have five children, Jim, Ted, Virginia, Carolyn, and Linda.



Dr. Belote



Randy Hatten
Winona, First
Licenses Preacher

Randy Hatten, son of Rev. and Mrs. Lavon Hatten of Winona, was licensed to the gospel ministry recently by First Church, Winona.

Born in Hattiesburg, he is a graduate of Indianola High School. He attended Clarke College and Holmes Junior College and is now a Junior at Delta State College.

He was presented a Bible along with a certificate of license by the church. His father is the superintendent of missions for Carroll-Montgomery Associations. Rev. Kermit McGregor is pastor of Winona, First Church.



Alcorn Gives Northeast BSU \$1,000.00

The BSU at Northeast Junior College is fortunate in having a friend such as Arthur Guisler, the treasurer of the Alcorn Baptist Association. Recently, at the Alcorn Associational meeting, Mr. Guisler gave the treasurer's report showing a surplus of money at the end of the year.

When his final drink put him at .08%, his impairment was obvious. Cones—and barrels added later—fell like bowling pins as the car weaved unsteadily through the courses. Although he had made 24 runs without hitting anything when his blood-alcohol level was relatively low, at the .08% level he toppled 40 cones in 8 runs. His riding companion told him later he did not properly obey the light signals and had literally become a potential highway menace.

a) This experience indicates that U. S. driving laws are ignorant. Despite obviously impaired driving ability, at the .08% level, Shafer would have been legally drunk in only one state—Utah. In most states the legal limit is .15%; in a few, .10%. (Researchers figure anyone is drunk over the .08% level.)

b) This came as a total surprise to the Director of BSU, Rev. Joe Cobb, who was in attendance. Perhaps other associations in every area of the state will "do thou likewise."

November 19, 1926—First interchange of electric power between Boston and Chicago.

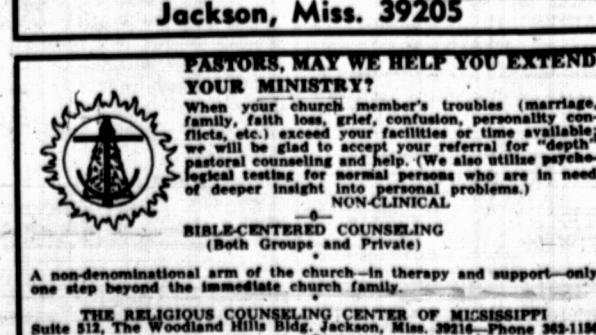
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Love One Another

By Clifton J. Allen
1 John 2:7-11; 3:11-18

A central theme of 1 John is Christian fellowship. This rests on the teaching about Christian love. Christianity is in fact the religion of love. The followers of Christ are committed to the way of love because they have become partakers of God in Christ, and God is love.

The very essence of Christian experience is being so related to Christ that his attitude of love shows forth in the Christian's attitudes and deeds. The teaching of 1 John is unmistakably clear: God is love; to abide in God is to abide in love; love overcomes hate; love expresses itself in action; a proof of sonship to God is love toward other persons.

The Lesson Explained
Christ's Commandment
Verses 2:7-11

John addressed his readers immediately as "beloved." It

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suggests an urgent appeal. He wrote about an old commandment, Christ's commandment, "Love one another." Though an old commandment, in a sense it was new. It had new and deeper meaning, in the light of Christ's teachings and his death on the cross and the opportunities Christians had to witness to their faith. More important, the commandment of Christian love is always new because it is to be made current, related to the present situation, and made a living expression of the love of Christ now. John went on to say that love is like light and hate is like darkness. Whoever hates his brother is still in darkness, regardless of any claim he may make to have believed in Christ. A person who loves his brother, in the true meaning of love, is in the light of Christ. He shows that he is a follower of Christ. Whoever hates his brother is in the darkness of sin. He is blinded by his own perversity. Hate is deadly both to the one who hates and as a stumbling block to others.

Convincing Evidence
Verses 3:11-16

Love is a moral duty for the children of God because it is the very essence of God's nature. John referred to Cain by way of contrast. He was not of God but of the devil and therefore slew his brother. Hate is normal to the character of the unregenerated person, but love is natural for the Christian. Therefore John says that a convincing evidence of knowing Christ as Saviour, of having passed from spiritual death into spiritual life is that "we love the brethren." Here "brethren" seems not to be restricted to believers. A Christian, because his very nature has been changed by the grace of God in Christ, will have love in his heart for all other persons. The person who does not love really abides in death. John uses the strongest words to reinforce his point. Hate has the potential for murder, and to be guilty of hate is to be guilty of murder. The practice of love proves that one is joined to Christ. And such love inspires sacrifice for the sake of others. It meant this for Christ: he gave his life for others. We ought to strive to be like him.

Love In Action
Verses 3:17-18.

Genuine love cannot be passive; it calls for active expression. John emphasized this by saying that if one has food and sees another person hungry and in need, and if he stifles his compassion and does nothing to relieve that need, his claim to have the love of God in his heart is vain and empty. How can he claim to be a Christian? Claiming to have love for other persons is little more than a farce if it fails to express itself in helping other persons in distress. Christian love will not content itself until it is translated into deeds of kindness and deeds of service. Then it becomes love "in truth," in reality. Of course, love in action is much more than giving food and clothing. One could do that without real love. Christian love means to show respect for other persons, irrespective of class or race, and to be helpful to them by kindness or encouragement or sympathy or protection or friendship. Christian love will not stop short of sharing oneself in helping other persons.

Twenty-eight laymen received certificates for completing the first three-week course of studies offered by the Baptist night institute for laymen in Guayaquil, Ecuador, reports Rev. Stanley D. Stamps, missionary (from Mississippi) who directs the institute. Mr. Stamps and Rev. Archie V. Jones, also a missionary, taught classes in homiletics, New Testament, and evangelism three hours a night, four nights a week, during the September course. Missionary Marvin R. Ford is currently teaching a second course.

**28 Guayaquil
Laymen Finish
Night Course**

Pearl Man Gets 10-Year Pin
SUNDAY OCTOBER 6, D. H. Robbins, deacon and Training Union director, at left, received a pin for 10 years perfect attendance in Sunday school from Jimmie Joe Thompson, right, superintendent of Sunday school, Pearl Church. Rev. Carl E. Talbert is pastor.

Victorious Over Paganism

By Bill Duncan
Acts 14:8-23



There are many reactions that come to the miracles of God. When a person is helped with a physical problem, many times he is ready to respond with an open heart. Paul was conscious of the people's needs for which he had prayed. However, his main emphasis was upon the evangelizing of the lost. He used the healing of the man at Lystra to the advantage that he was able to point out their real need. Their life situation was something different. But Paul was able to use their knowledge to point out God and his ability to save.

How many times do we hear of the impossible becoming possible? The condition of the healed man was helpless. Yet God was able to heal the man because of his faith. Faith can put any man on his feet. There are many today that are helpless and have never walked with God, but their faith in God is able to turn their whole life around. The need of our day is for men to speak about God's ability and then to challenge men to exercise faith in Him.

The reaction to the message was one of distrust toward themselves. They had been disappointed and so they felt they had been foolish. When the Jews came they very easily persuaded the people of Lystra to kill Paul. However, God delivered Paul and caused him to go back into the city and show the power of God and even travel the next day, 30 miles to Derbe. He truly was a walking miracle himself.

The leading role is played by Jerry Morgan of Ripley. The other members of the cast are Mary Jo O'Leary, of Jackson; Michael Goree of Kosciusko; Peggy Hicks of Dennis; Joe Ogletree of Clinton; David Stockstill of Picayune; Buddy Savell of Chattanooga, Tenn.; and Ric

the wrong emphasis upon the miracle. It was rumored in the neighboring country of Phrygia that Jupiter and Mercury had visited the earth in human form. The majestic appearance of Barnabas caused him to be identified with the chief God (Zeus) corresponding to the Roman Jupiter. This was most likely because he was older and more reserved. Paul was younger, quiet, active, doing most of the talking, so they identified him with Hermes (Latin, Mercurius) the messenger of Zeus. The temple of Zeus stood outside the city gate and its priest arranged for a sacrifice. When they heard of the arranged sacrifice they acted with prompt action. The response was the actions of emotion and a message. They addressed the crowd that they were men with the nature of the Lycaonians. They were messengers of good tidings. They wanted to turn the people from their vanities and serve the God who truly made all things. God had allowed men in the past to walk in their own ways. Yet He had in the very mercies of nature given to all men a witness of his presence, love and grace. However the earnest appeal was scarcely able to cause the multitudes to cease so as not to offer sacrifices to them.

The production presented a reader's theatre production, *The Cup Of Trembling*, by Elizabeth Ber ryhill, on November 11, 12, 1968 at 8 p. m. at Mississippi State University; on November 16 at Mary Holmes Junior College, West Point; on November 19 at 6:30 p. m. at Wood Junior College, Mathis ton. Another presentation of this production will be made November 25 at 6:00 p. m. at Mississippi College.

The Cup Of Trembling is an attempt for the audience to relive the exciting, dramatic and bold life of a man who, the author imagines, was very like or might have been Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a Ger



First row: left to right, Peggy Hicks, Jerry Morgan, Mary Jo O'Leary. Second row: Ric Chandler, Michael Goree; Third Row: David Stockstill, Joe Ogletree, Buddy Savell.

AT MC NOV. 25

The BSU Of MSU Presents "The Cup Of Trembling"

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The author quotes many of the actual letters that Bonhoeffer wrote while in the concentration camp at Schonberg.

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Columbian Wins

Balfour Award

A Columbian is the winner this year of the Balfour Award presented annually by the Nurses' Board of Examination and Registration of Mississippi.

She is Mrs. Louise Williamson Rogers, who graduated earlier this year from the Gilroy School of Nursing at Mississippi Baptist Hospital in Jackson.

Mrs. Rogers scored the highest general average standard score of all 241 nurse graduates in Mississippi who took the State Board Test Pool Licensure Examinations in 1967 and in 1968.

The Balfour Award was presented to Mrs. Rogers recently in Jackson at the annual convention of the Mississippi Nurses Association, attended by 400 registered nurses from across the state.

In addition to recording the highest general average score in the statewide test, Mrs. Rogers achieved the highest standard score in children's nursing.

Mrs. Mary Hollyfield, director of the Gilroy School of Nursing at Baptist Hospital, said, "Mrs. Rogers was consistently outstanding — both academically and in extracurricular activities. Her grades were of the highest caliber, averaging above 2.1 throughout the entire program."

Mrs. Rogers is presently employed by Columbia Hospital.

Chandler of Jackson. The production is under the direction of James L. Heflin, professor in the Speech Department at Mississippi State University.

The production staff for the drama includes Darlene Thompson, General Chairman; Randy Wallace, Technician; Bob McLeod, Publicity; and Nila Gant, Costumes and Make-Up.

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Thanksgiving Of The Heart

Paraphrase of I Corinthians 13—by J. R. Swaim
From "The Weekly Messenger" First Church, Oxford

Though I keep Thanksgiving in November,
But forget that every day brings cause for giving thanks
I am at heart ungrateful.
And though I praise Thanksgiving as a noble custom,
And urge it upon others, as a duty;
But show by careless living no concern for God, country,
Or others, I am not really thankful;

And though I provide a great family feast;
And toss a bit to charity; While my heart cries;
"I deserve all this!"—I am still ungrateful.

Thanksgiving in the Heart sees all creation—
Wheat or water, home or friendship, faith or country—
As God's unbounded mercy;

Thanksgiving in the Heart enlarges the gift until it fills
The need,
And unveils as best of all the loving motive of the giver;

Thanksgiving in the Heart returns to the gift often
To awaken gratitude; Is spurred by it to become a giver;
Grows skilled in secret giving where there can be no return
Makes of every gift, bread or gold, an hour's labor

Or a silent tear.—An offering of the spirit;
A grateful remembering of what has been given.

Thanksgiving in the Heart never fails the thankful
But single holidays fail, they come so seldom;

Mere repeating of tradition bores
When the originating fire is lost;
Family celebrations die out as families vanish.

But if Thanksgiving never ends, life is always renewed;
For what fortune denies, gratitude discovers in a sub-
stitute;

What chance takes away, thankfulness returns in joyful
recollection;

What grief tries to steal, the grateful heart joyously gives
away.

What death seems to conquer, Thanksgiving beholds as set
free with everlasting life;

So Thanksgiving will abide—
The Thanksgiving which is national custom;

The Thanksgiving which is family celebration;

And the Thanksgiving of the Heart.

But the greatest of these is the Thanksgiving of the Heart.

Methodists Hire Folk Music Team
In Bid To Bridge 'Generation Gap'

MINNEAPOLIS (RNS) — A Washington, D. C., folk music team, known as "Dust and Ashes," will be employed by the United Methodist Board of Evangelism in a move to bridge the "generation gap."

The agency has agreed to make the team available to local churches, youth and student gatherings and college and seminary campuses at a modest fee to help defray program costs.

Dr. Joseph Yeakel of Nashville, the board's executive, pointed out that "pastors, parents, adult counselors and teachers often find themselves facing an opaque wall when they are in the presence of teenagers and teenagers in turn express a high level of frustration in their efforts to communicate with adults."

He said attempts at youth communication through folk, popular and soul music are meeting with outstanding success.

Churches In The News

Evansville Church of Route 1, Coldwater will be observing annual "Homecoming-Building-Fund Day" Sunday, November 24. Former members, former pastors, and members who have moved away are extended special invitations to return for the day's activities and festivities. The program begins with Sunday school at 10:00 a. m. and continues with a worship service at 11:00 o'clock. The preacher for the worship hour will be a former pastor, Rev. Trent F. Grubbs, who is now pastor of Calvary Church.



Rev. Kiley Young

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ORDAINS
HOPE PASTOR

South Side Church, Meridian, Rev. Robert L. Sheffield, pastor, recently ordained Rev. Kiley D. Young, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Young, to the gospel ministry.

Born in Vicksburg, Mr. Young has lived most of his life in Meridian where he graduated from Meridian Junior College. This past August he graduated from Mississippi College.

He was ordained by Oakland Heights Church of Meridian in 1964. At the present time he is pastor of Hope Church, Philadelphia, and a member of the faculty of Meridian High School.

He is married to the former Penny Mayfield of Meridian and they have one son, Kiley Young II.

Booneville. The resident members will provide food and serve it at the church during the noon hour. Friends and neighbors are also invited to worship and fellowship.

First Church, Wiggins, recently ordained Charles "Chuck" Henderson as deacon. The church at that time also installed Louie Odom and B. C. Batson who will fill a term on the active body, replacing Glenn Breland, Brat Batson, and Norman McRaney, who rotated off the active group. B. C. Batson was elected chairman for the new church year, with Louie Odom as vice-chairman, and Edgar Bates secretary. The book, "Ministry of the Deacon," was recently taught the membership by the deacons. Rev. J. Ray Grissett is pastor, and Dr. S. Dodd Douglas is minister of music-youth.

Palmer Church, Ripley, in Tippah County, ordained two deacons, Kenneth W. Lence and Perry W. Malone, on October 27. Rev. Landreth Murphree, former pastor, delivered the charge to the men. Rev. Arlin Richardson, another former pastor, delivered the charge to the church. Rev. Johnnie Parks, present pastor, presented the certificates of ordination and copies of the book, *The Baptist Deacon*, from the Palmer Church. Dr. James Travis of Blue Mountain College led the ordination prayer.

Arkabutla Church observed "Homecoming, a n d Building Fund Day," Sunday, November 10. The church hoped to raise \$4,000.00 to be applied toward indebtedness. Following the morning service the resident members provided lunch for the entire congregation. Rev. Bobby Walton is pastor.

Trinity Church, Laurel (Jones Association), observed Tither's Enrollment Week, Sept. 29 - Oct. 6, according to the pastor, Rev. Wayne Frederick. The stewardship emphasis was a total success and the first stewardship program ever conducted in the history of the church. Over 75 people pledged to tithe and the Demonstration Day



TYRO: 1840-1968

Tyro (Tate) Holds Memorial Service

On November 10, a memorial service was held at Tyro Church in Tate County, commemorating the deceased loved ones in whose memory the pews, pulpits, communion table, and other furnishings of the new sanctuary were contributed. A little over a year ago, on September 10, 1967, the new sanctuary was dedicated, with Rev. J. Don Stanfill, the pastor, preaching the dedicatory sermon.

Registration for the November 10 memorial service was conducted by Mrs. E. M. Eoff Mrs. H. V. Eoff. After the scripture reading by J. T. Ellis and prayer by Wayne Durley, the memorial plaque was presented to Deacons John Meek and Wayne Durley. Rev. H. J. Rushing, former pastor at Tyro, now at Emmanuel Church, Vicksburg, delivered the special message.

Others on program included Mrs. T. D. Cathey, organist; Mrs. Don Welch and daughter, Joy, of Memphis, Tenn., who sang a duet; and Pastor Stanfill, who gave the welcome address.

Lunch was served in the Tyro community house near the church. The afternoon was reserved as a time for fellowship.

The Tyro Church was organized in 1840. "At that time north Mississippi was little more than a wilderness," writes Mrs. John P. Meek, in a history of the church. "A band of pioneers settled in the vicinity of Tyro and organized the church. It was given the

name of Jim Wolfe Baptist Church because of its situation near the Jim Wolfe Creek on the plantation owned by John Wright. Mr. Wright, John Hargis, and John Strickland were its first deacons.

"Dec., 1846, it was moved from the original site to its present location and given the name of County Line Church, since it was near what was then the line between Marshall and Desoto Counties. The land on which the church is now located was given to the trustees by Samuel and Ann Haliburton.

"After several years the

name was changed to Tyro Church. The early church maintained strict discipline. It was at one time the strongest numerically and financially of any in the Coldwater Association. The list of pastors is long and illustrious.

"A new sanctuary was dedicated in August, 1911. The dedicatory sermon was delivered by Dr. P. I. Lipsey, (a former editor of the Baptist Record) son of J. W. Lipsey, one of the early pastors of the Tyro Church."

"That sanctuary served until the latest one was built in 1967.



Perfect Attendance At Richmond

Two complete families of the Richmond Church, Lee County, received their 5-year perfect attendance Sunday school pins. Shown is the pastor, Rev. Ulvie Fitts, presenting the pins to (left to right) Eugene McDaniel, the Sunday school superintendent; Mrs. Eugene McDaniel, the Sunday school secretary; their daughter, Martha McDaniel; and Miss Bedie Westmoreland, who lives alone, and who also has a perfect five-year attendance record.



Rev. Jerry Mixon

NEW PASTOR AT
BLUFF SPRINGS

Rev. Jerry Mixon is the new pastor of Bluff Springs Church, Magnolia.

He was recently married to the former Vicki Beech of Moss Point. The church welcomed him and his wife with a combination shower and pounding.

Mr. Mixon previously served as pastor of Mars Hill Church, Petal, for four years. He is a graduate of Pearl River Junior College and William Carey College. At present, he is a student at New Orleans Seminary.

Rev. H. S. Rogers, pastor, has announced that a great deal of emphasis will be placed in the coming year upon evangelism, training of officers and teachers and in increasing gifts to missions. The Calendar of Activities for 1969 will include three revivals, a Spiritual Emphasis Week, participation in the Crusade of Americas and in the School of Missions, and Vacation Bible School. The records being set by this church are the more remarkable when it is remembered that some discussion was given to discontinuing it as a church some two years ago.

Offering was over \$1,000, \$1,000 more than normally. The pastor states that on the Commitment Sunday two came for baptism and one by letter.

Since the stewardship emphasis, there has been a remarkable increase in the regular budget offering, and the offerings are more consistent.

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Japan Decorates

Dr. Edwin B. Dozier and Miss Alma Graves, Southern Baptist missionaries, have been decorated by the Japanese government for their contributions to Japan in the cultural, educational, and social welfare fields, reports Missionary Worth C. Grant, following an account in the October 23 edition of the *Asahi Evening News*, published in Tokyo.

Dr. Dozier, chancellor of



Larry Costilow

Newton First
Ordains Costilow

Mr. Larry Costilow was ordained to the Gospel Ministry by the First Baptist Church of Newton on Sunday, November 3. Mr. Costilow is the new pastor of the New Providence Baptist Church of Copiah County. A graduate of Newton High School and Clarke Memorial College in Newton, the minister is currently a senior at Mississippi College and is making plans to attend Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

The son of Rev. & Mrs. J. B. Costilow of Newton, Mr. Costilow is married to Miss Jo Ann Johnson of Forest.

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Names In The News

Mrs. K. V. Jordon was the speaker for mission study at Poplar Springs Drive Church, Meridian, on November 19, on *Colombia, Land of Conflict and Promise*. Rev. Harold O'Chester is the pastor.

Fourteen William Carey College juniors and seniors have been named to the 1968 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*. They are Dolores Pfaffendorf, Miami, Florida; Kathy O'Connor, Mobile, Ala.; Ernestine Hill, Gulfport; Hank Guest, Jackson; David M. DeBord, Pompano Beach, Florida; Vermester Jackson, Hattiesburg; Debra Blakeney, Taipei, Taiwan; Pat Woodard, Mobile; Sandy Castleberry, Izmir, Turkey; Bobby G. Eades, Florence, Ky.; Stephen Warren Garner, Pensacola, Fla.; Gary Johnson, Selma, Ala.; Thomas Ronald Melton, Chickasaw, Ala.; and Bonnie V. Park, Long Beach.

Rev. Robert E. Wall, former Mississippian, now pastor of Easthaven Baptist Church, Kalispell, Montana, recently presented his patriotic message in slide and sound, "What American Means to Me," to the Sixth Army Chaplains Conference at Fort Ord, California. Three hundred chaplains from the western United States were in attendance. Mr.

Lisa Denise, second daughter of Rev. and Mrs. S. Dennis Hale, missionaries to Spain, was born September 29. (Mr. and Mrs. Hale may be addressed at Padre Sarmiento 18, 7, La Coruna, Spain.) Mr. Hale was born in Carrollton, Ga., but grew up in Opelika, Ala.; Mrs. Hale is the former Judith Greene, of Sheffield, Ala. He pastored Harmony Baptist Church, Picayune, Miss., prior to missionary appointment in 1965.

Dr. Jack Lyall, chairman of the Division of Fine Arts and professor of music, will represent Mississippi College at the 44th annual meeting of the National Association of Schools of Music scheduled

for Washington, D. C., Nov. 25-27. In addition to being the official representative of Mississippi College, Dr. Lyall will play a prominent role in the meeting itself. As national Toastmaster General of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, he will be serving as toastmaster for the national luncheon set for Nov. 25 at the Statler Hilton.

Two outstanding William Carey College music students won high honors at the Mississippi Music Teachers' Association Competition. Steve Garner, senior, from Theodore, Alabama, was awarded first place in the vocal solo for orchestra division. Miss Linda Blackmon, of Pensacola, was awarded second place in the same competition. Garner, in winning first place will perform at a later date with the Jackson Symphony Orchestra. This honor has been won several times in the past by Carey students.

Miss Blackmon, a junior at Carey, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Blackmon of 600 Knowles Avenue in Pensacola. Steve Garner is a 1965 graduate of Theodore High School in Theodore, Alabama, and resides at 112 Short Bay St. in Hattiesburg. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Garner.

Robert Sellers, missionary journeyman from Traverses, Fla., expected to arrive in Indonesia on October 14. For the next two years he will do student work in Semarang (address: Baptist Seminary, P.O. Box 205, Semarang, Java, Indonesia). A 1967 graduate of Mississippi College, Mr. Sellers studied for one year at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., prior to employment by the Foreign Mission Board.

Rev. Benny Garner assumed the duties of pastor at Clear Creek Church, Lafayette County, on Sunday, October 20.

This is the first pastorate for Mr. Garner.

He graduated from Memphis State University and from Dallas Theological Seminary in May of 1968.

He is married to the former Sandra Garrison of Crenshaw. They have two children, Lisa, 2, and Lana, 1.



Faculty Coffee Hour At Carey

FRIDAY MORNING IS Faculty Coffee Hour at William Carey College. Sponsored by the Home Economics' Department, faculty and staff meet informally each Friday a.m. in the new parlor of Crawford Hall. Shown enjoying a moment of relaxation are, left to right: Mrs. Jo Loper, assistant professor of English; Dr. Joseph Ernest, academic vice president; Hugh Dickens, director of student teaching in the education and psychology department; and Dr. Gaston Smith, chairman of the department of mathematics.